

The meeting was called to order by Senate President Pro-Tempore McGinnis at 9:14 a.m.

Members in attendance:

Johnny Liu - Member-at-Large 1

Isabel Ponce - Member-at-Large 2

Wilson Roberts - Deputy Minority Party Leader

Nathan McGinnis - Senate President Pro-Tempore

Oscar Santiago Perez - Senate President

Navya Nair - Deputy Majority Party Leader

Matthew Spata - Clerk

Guests in attendance:

Ronin Lupien - Journalist

Quorum is established with 6 members present.

Zoe Fang - Permanent District A Senate Seat

1. Knows people who are unsatisfied with SG and has noticed that admin doesn't listen to students but students listen to each other, for example when Marston went 24/7. Knew someone who recently passed away and he was very unsatisfied with UF and wants to focus on helping the CWC and mental health resources.
2. Going into her 5th year and knows the campus very well. Involved with TEDxUF and it involves lots of student feedback as well as communicating within the team and around UF and in Gainesville. Involved with band and is a student leader in there. Works to make positive, actionable change in there for the members.
3. Knows there is a lot of diversity, especially in District A. Wants to be able to accommodate the high increase of students with new buildings and houses being built, and want to focus on adding parking in the District. Section off spaces in a UF owned lot in the District. Infinity Hall is in the District and there are not enough blue lights for the amount of foot traffic. Wants to lower the cost and increase the hours of access for the Infinity Hall print and laser lab.
4. Asks if this position is just over the summer. Ponce says yes. Santiago Perez says if you are approved that if you are approved you can come to this meeting and then the next meeting will be in May.

Lael Thomas - Permanent District A Senate Seat

1. Wants to fill a niche in Change with passion and guts.
2. Has experience with committees and legislation. Has not always been as open-minded as he is now. This is a skill that is very useful and effective now.
3. Lack of transparency. There are some student journalists who try to make a difference but they do not have the resources to get their information to students.
4. Asks what it's like as a senator. Santiago Perez says you get to write legislation and can act as an advocate for your peers and across campus and the community. Being able to speak on behalf of your constituents. Ponce adds that Senate is exactly what you make

it, and you can get as involved as you want, and that you get to meet lots of new people. McGinnis says that you get the change to make a lot of changes.

Kyle Mohr - Permanent District A Senate Seat

1. In his two years he has experience everything to offer at UF. Has noticed the impact SG has at UF. Wants to be a part of a group a leader who makes positive, tangible change for students now and later.
2. Has held various leadership roles, customer service lead at a baseball park. Knows how to perform and succeed in high pressure roles.
3. Wants to expand free printing to all academic spaces on campus. Wants to distribute AEDs and epipens in accessible spaces across campus. Invest in mental health and work toward having mental health days throughout the semester, canvas page and hotlines.
4. Asks what the typical schedule is, McGinnis says that it's what you make it, typically Tuesday around 7:30. Asks if there are certain orgs we work with, Ponce says that there are senators who work with various organizations, senators typically write legislation with organizations depending on what they want to see. Roberts says that Senate is great because we draw people from everywhere on campus and you'll meet people and organizations you never knew about before.

Jeff John - Permanent District A Senate Seat

1. Thinks that SG is one of the main institutions that allows students to do things that affect the entire student body. Can give all students a voice that is represented.
2. Is a sophomore, is on the fraternity's e-board as philanthropy director and risk manager and gives him a good foundation for motivation. Interacts with all 12 MCGC organizations to put on the show in the fall.
3. Wants to show off-campus students that there are more resources available to them. Expand bus routes. Student legal services is a great benefit to off-campus students and they should know about them.
4. Asks how the committee likes SG so far. McGinnis says it's fun, Nair says it's nice to do things with meaning, Roberts says it's fun to get involved when you want to see UF better and you end up bettering yourself, Ponce got a lot more out than she expected and feels like she knows about much more now than she thought she would.

Michelle Lapak - Permanent District A Senate Seat

1. Currently a 3rd year grad student and grads need more of a voice in SG, grads make up 23% of the population.
2. Became a grad student three years ago and joined a lab at UF where she had to learn a whole new skill set in STEM, is a Chem grad student, had to learn these new skills while taking grad courses and teaching undergrads, made her resilient and showed her how to apply these skills to her constituents, wants to apply all that she has learned to representing her constituents.
3. Wants to advocate for grad student rights and representation, wants to implement more environmentally friendly practices and a safer campus for minority groups who are underrepresented, people of color, women of color, especially in STEM

4. Asks how everyone's day is going, how many District A seats are open.

Dawson Geller - Permanent District A Senate Seat

1. Recognizes the importance and power that SG has on campus with the very large budget, is one of the best opportunities to invest time and efforts to make change
2. Currently a sophomore and has spent a lot of time getting involved on campus. Involved with Dance Marathon as a Family Relations captain, it's a very great group of students who are just motivated to raise money for the hospital, on the e-board of a mental health organization and is very passionate about good mental health
3. Wants to focus on mental health, three specific changes, ACCENT and SGP resources could be used in other places around campus like hiring staff, students in A could feel disconnected, wants to collab with apartments around to advertise mental health resources, wants to provide distance sessions with therapists through the CWC, wants to focus on nighttime safety especially in District A and expand the range and hours of the SNAP, big fan of the 24/7 Marston, really important to have more 24/7 buildings because of the wide range of schedules, wants to open a 24/7 dining hall, wants to work with RecSports to sponsor new wants to promote the physical and mental health of students
4. No questions

Maya Idiculla - Permanent District A Senate Seat

1. Has been very passionate about SG since she was a freshman, grew a passion for Senate as she heard about it and saw the impact that Senate has on campus and wants to be a part of it, regrets not having been a part of it last summer
2. In Class Councils, experience with putting on events and fueled passion for SG, was in Cabinet this past year and worked with different communities, favorite event was the coalensence gala, clerk for the budget committee, didn't understand how intricate budget committee was until she sat in the meeting and gave her more passion about Senate
3. Add security measures and cameras around highly populated areas, especially the NPHC garden, there was not that much accountability after the NPHC garden vandalism
4. Asks what the expectations are for a high quality Senate, Roberts says Senate is what you make it, is someone who stays as informed as possible and works for their constituents, uses the resources they have to put in the time and the work, Liu says it's about the passion and drive

Isabella Scramoncin - Permanent District A Senate Seat

1. A PACE student and a sophomore, coming into UF didn't feel that she was represented the way she wanted to be, wants to represent other PACE students better than she was, lived in District A since she's been here and noticed lots of things about safety
2. Slated twice but did not win, but does have the experience of canvassing and talking to people, president of entomology club, engaged with so many different students and clubs, hosted GBMs with PPG, has experience as a student worker, knows what it's like to be a student and a worker

3. Wants to implement more safety measures around District A, there is not enough safety from UFPD in the area
4. No questions

Jared Craig -Permanent District A Senate Seat

1. Has run for the PHHP seat for the past two years and didn't win but still wants to serve his constituents, there are issues that need to be improved across campus
2. Has run twice, worked with student orgs in the college and the UF community, still worked with Saketh despite not winning for the good of the college and speaks to what he wants to do to improve his district
3. Improve safety, knows that this is not the PHHP college, but wants to bring the community together and reach out to businesses like Opus in Norman and make them more student friendly
4. No questions

Senate President Santiago Perez moves for a 5 minute recess at 10:23 a.m. by unanimous consent with no objections.

Senate President Pro-Tempore McGinnis calls the meeting back to order at 10:28 a.m.

Members in attendance:

Johnny Liu - Member-at-Large 1

Isabel Ponce - Member-at-Large 2

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Guests in attendance:

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Brian Ramirez - Permanent District C Senate Seat

1. Knows what a lot of students want and what their opinions are and feels that he can represent them well.
2. Part of multiple clubs like PC building, open source club, has leadership in those roles
3. Students should be able to access campus any day of the week, should expand the bus system and SNAP, should change the 800 codes, PC building wants to be able to give back to students who have less and need computers or even donate to Marston, have been fighting the 800 codes the whole time
4. Asks what Senate life is about, Nair says that Senate is what you make it, you can take your passions to Senate and other places on campus, how much effort you put in is how much effort you get out

Anamika Naidu - Permanent District D Senate Seat

1. Got involved with IRHA this past year, heard Jackie Phillips speak a week or so ago and heard her story about how she got involved, was Beaty Towers marketing director this past year, wants to couple Senate and IRHA involvement
2. Structure of IRHA is very similar to Senate and they review legislation as well, in the process of publishing a paper, is able to make very level-headed decisions, competed in FBLA with parliamentary procedure and got 5th and is very comfortable
3. Brought an idea sheet! The UF off-campus housing listings need to be standardized to accurately reflect the complexes, bus stops are technically at your complex but they don't take you straight to campus, photos are not truly representative of the space they advertise, transparency needed in District D housing in general, need student reviews on these websites so that students are able to make well-informed decisions, improved safety for many complexes that do not have any cameras, Signal is not an adequate service
4. Asks what's the time commitment of Senate, Ponce says that Senate is what you make it, an hour around 7:30 on Tuesday, can get involved with committees and writing legislation, Ponce spent 20-25 hours working on budget committee things

Allen Kurian - Permanent District D Senate Seat (call-in)

1. Policy has always been a passion of his, never had the opportunity in high school, UF has a very intricate system of SG that he wants to get involved with, wants to address flaws with campus and has lived in Gainesville for 11 years, knows what it's like to be underrepresented, currently a first-year engineering student and wants to bridge the gap between engineering and the general student body, equitably allocate resources to all orgs
2. Commutes nearly 25 miles every day, understand Gainesville deeply, the decisions of SG affect Gainesville and wants to make sure SG and the city are working together, was president of march of dimes, started his own photography business, attended FYLC
3. Parking needs to be fixed, implement parking spot counters at the entrance of every garage, engineering student panel where any engineering student can come in and have direct communication with their senators, ONE.UF app for phones
4. No questions

Michael Lim - Permanent District D Senate Seat

1. As he gets more involved with SG he realizes how important the budget is to every area of campus, wants to help allocate funds to orgs, wants to be a member of the budget committee, wants musicians on campus to help produce royalty free music
2. Served as a member of SG in high school and as parliamentarian, two years experience chairing meetings in high school SG
3. Assist in lobbying the provost for 24/7 Marston to make 24/7 Marston permanent and wants to pass a bill funding contraceptive vending machines after reading the minutes from a Senate meeting where the resolution was first passed
 - a. Ponce explains the difference between a bill and a resolution

4. No questions

Jinelle Vazquez - Permanent District C Senate Seat

1. Direct advocacy between students and SG and administration
2. Experience working for PSU, HSA, and community hope service, has organized events and worked with national organizations
3. Improve the bus routes and system, the schedule is not reliable and the Canopy, Redpoint, etc are affected the most, wants to get another bus on the route and improve the scheduling of the busses
4. Asks what the committee is looking for in a summer senator, McGinnis says that we want people who are dedicated and make the position their own, Nair says that we want someone who will work with the lesser resources of a summer Gainesville where there are not as many people

Member-at-Large Ponce moves for a recess until called back by the chair at 11:06 a.m. by unanimous consent with no objections.

Senate President Pro-Tempore McGinnis calls the meeting back to order at 11:14 a.m.

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Abrar Hossein - Permanent District D Senate Seat

1. SG is a platform that can help students with their lifestyle and experience and can be the best ambassador of the university
2. Was a mentor at MLP for two mentees, was an intern at a physical therapy clinic, has lived in District D his whole time at UF and is in touch with the needs of the people who live there
3. Emphasize convenience in the RTS increasing drivers and hours, add more bike pumps on the streets to help cyclists
4. No questions

Deputy Majority Party Leader Nair has left the room and Majority Party Leader Rafanan has taken her place in the committee.

Blake Cox - Chair of the Budget and Appropriations Committee

1. Been on the committee for a year, we need reform and he wants to be the one to lead that
2. Been on the committee for a year, served as the vice-chair, probably the first vice-chair to actually chair the meeting and has access to the email and has been in communication with orgs
3. Updated schedule to student orgs, kept a running spreadsheet for how many line items were requested so the committee has constantly updated information, wants to max out the number of GBMs per semester, wants to define "camping", wants to find the best way to fund canva subscriptions and snapchat filters, change the word "hearings" to "reviews", awards in confusing for many orgs, define the parameters, banners should be considered advertising in the codes, there are five types of travel defined, reach out to the marksmanship club and let them know they cannot receive funding, explain why certain clubs are not fully funded all the way,
4. Asks if it's okay that he watches the other folks applying for the committee
5. Event request is a one-time request
6. Names the Big 5 correctly
7. Named the function of the budget committee
8. Correctly identifies the parameters of the fiscal year

Laurie Wang - Budget and Appropriations Committee Seat

1. Wants to be a part of budget because it is such a vital part of everything that happens at UF
2. Served as freshman class president, learned a lot of behind the scenes efforts that go into budget affairs
3. Lots of controversy surrounding budget because no one really understands what's going on with budget, transparency in budget is going to make the student body understand it much better
4. Asks what the time commitment is, Ponce explains
5. Technical questions, check recording

Laurie Wang - Judiciary Committee Seat

1. Thinks it's the foundational committee behind Senate
2. Important to be able to separate the person from the bill, communication is key
3. Make the process clear for everyone
4. Was not asked if she had any questions
5. Technical questions, check recording

Raj Mia - Budget and Appropriations Committee Seat

1. Member of AKPsi and wants to educate people about business, US Senate youth and wants to serve the community through SG

2. Written budget legislation before, has been to budget meetings before and understands the process
3. Greater transparency with clubs, hold office hours
4. Technical questions, check recording

Raj Mia - Information and Communications Committee Seat

1. Because he is VP of PC building, communicates with other orgs regularly
2. Check recording, previous question 2 cited
3. Senate retreat should happen more often, a better environment should be fostered, be more communicative internally, wants an efficient Information and Communications
4. Technical questions, check recording

Zoe Richter - Information and Communications Committee Seat

1. There is a lot that can be done to let the student body know what is going in SG
2. Served as social media outreach chair for a hometown organization to organize events in the community
3. Change the way that we table to make it more effective, make it more proactive
4. Technical questions, check recording

Zoe Richter - Rules and Ethics Committee Seat

1. Vital part of Senate operating smoothly
2. Served as volunteer coordinator for a tutoring service managing over 70 tutors and communicated between the families that participated
3. Keep full transparency in Rules and Ethics and would help prevent Senators from making those mistakes again
4. Technical questions, check recording

Ethan Ghazali - Chair of the Information and Communications Committee

1. Has 5 semesters in Senate and has skills from various types of involvement, recognized untapped potential in the committee, views it as the best way to build bipartisanship in the chamber, hosted the retreat and felt that there was good turnout
2. Served as vice-chair for the last semester and a half, done everything that the chair does except order merch, hasn't made Instagram posts yet, longest serving member of the committee
3. Engage a lot more on social media, collaborate more with other branches of SG and UF organizations, repost UFPD safety information, revive the mentor-mentee relationships, wants to bring food and more interesting activities to the retreats to encourage attendance, references a field day that he hosted once, likes the silver Gator as an incentive, would like to explore the possibility of a Senate banquet, wants to do a merch order including summer Senators, wants to explore a redesign of all the Senate merch since the external merch is running out and will have to be reordered soon
4. Technical questions, check recording
5. Asks what kind of merch the committee wants to see, various ideas given

Isabel Penin - Information and Communications Committee Seat (call-in)

1. Wants to get more involved in Senate overall, has experience in high school leadership planning events and fundraisers and identifies this as a strength
2. Has held multiple leadership positions including SG in high school and organized multiple events between classes, in positions through UF Pan and her sorority and has organized events for them, planned mental health wellness activities through UF Pan
3. New Senators don't understand how Senate works very well and wants to help them along, wants to educate the new Senators on Robert's Rules and student body statutes, wants to create a sense of camaraderie between parties
4. Technical questions, check recording
5. Asks what the rest of the process looks like, Ponce explains

Chalisa Budhai - Information and Communications Committee Seat

1. Wants to bring bipartisanship to the chamber, this will help get information out to our constituents
2. Serves as VP for the Jennings Area Government within IRHA and organizes events through them, gets information out to them through various means regarding recreational events or safety information, performance in IRHA won her an award, events have reached around 900 people in attendance,
3. Wants to hold more socials throughout the year to engage with each other outside of Senate, keep the Why Senate Wednesdays updated to encourage constituent engagement and remind each other why we are in Senate, socials can help branch out of the university and even encourage communication between universities
4. Technical questions, check recording
5. Asks what the limits and expectations are for hosting socials, Liu explains how we should not be using money and retreats are supposed to cost \$0 and that is the biggest barrier
 - a. Budhai explains that she would like to make tabling work better, and would like to table with other organizations as well, asks if this provides a good social setting for our Senators
 - b. Liu explains that tabling costs nothing and that Senate has used other events for Senate purposes before like housing fairs

Monish Vijayaraghavan - Information and Communications Committee Seat

1. Wanted to understand how Senate worked when he first got here, there is value in celebrating differences and wants to celebrate them and tell those stories, has seen the power of social media and public relations, wants to utilize the Instagram to reach out to constituents better to ease tensions and explain what is going on in the chamber
2. Was a social media manager in Tampa and showed the stories of members of the community, really enjoyed being able to show those stories, wants to foster an environment of understanding, as a sergeant in the military he was able to build cohesion between his men and allowed them to trust him as a leader and a friend

3. Bipartisanship needs to be built internally, we are all students and humans, we have the ability to create change on campus, we should have monthly retreats, should play a Jeopardy-style game at the end of the retreat with teams made of members from both parties, actively promote what is happening in Senate on the Instagram to ensure that students know what is going on directly from us, will build more support for Senate
4. Technical questions, check recording

Monish Vijayaraghavan - Judiciary Committee Seat

1. Legislation is not effective unless it is well-written, wants to work together to make legislation more effective, legislation should be passed fairly
2. Time and effort should not be wasted, meetings should be made more effective so we can be better Senators, was a Sergeant and in Ops Plans, we must ensure that we are taking steps to make society better, being in the military means he can think on his feet
3. Ensuring the legislation workshop happens can make the quality of legislation better
4. Technical questions, check recording
 - a. Ponce clarified the question regarding the format of the meeting twice
 - b. McGinnis also clarified the question
 - c. Vijayaraghavan gives his final answer and the next question is asked
 - d. Ponce and Santiago Perez clarify the question regarding the actions the committee is able to take
 - e. Did not answer all the questions correctly

Anghelo Gangano - Information and Communications Committee Seat

1. There is a severe lack of grad representation in Senate
2. A lot of his campaigning involved letting grad students know that SG has grad representation, grad students are not very well informed and voter turnout is low
3. Wants to bring as much information as possible to grad students who likely do not know what SG is or what it does
4. Technical questions, check recording
5. Asks how long it will take for turnaround
 - a. Ponce explains that internal Senate retreats are for Senators rather than grad students

Annabella Vigna - Information and Communications Committee Seat (Zoom)

1. Effective communication is the most important part of Senate, new and old Senators feel like we should all be on the same page, both caucuses need to be informed as to what is going on
2. Throughout high school was in charge of honor societies, provided effective communication for these societies, as a communicator she was able to keep everyone on the same page, created flyers and newsletters, acted as the liaison between the honor societies and administration
3. Wants to create a weekly Senate newsletter and also a monthly one, feels like it may be too difficult to be on social media constantly, show all legislation we have passed and important dates and meetings listed on the newsletter

4. Technical questions, check recording
5. No questions, but thanks the committee for allowing the interview to be over Zoom

Senate President Santiago Perez moves to recess for 3 minutes at 12:42 p.m. by unanimous consent with no objections.

Senate President Pro-Tempore McGinnis calls the meeting back to order at 12:46 p.m.

Members in attendance:

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Wilson Roberts - Deputy Minority Party Leader
Nathan McGinnis - Senate President Pro-Tempore
Oscar Santiago Perez - Senate President
Evan Rafanan - Majority Party Leader
Matthew Spata - Clerk

Guests in attendance:

Ronin Lupien - Journalist
Gabriela Montes - Gallery Member

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Jonathan Stephens - Chair of the Judiciary Committee

1. Very passionate about legislation, fascinated by the technical aspects of SG, but there is a lot to be improved upon regarding transparency, wants to set the standard for legislation so that folks can get support while writing and that our policy is in line with our codes and statutes, wants to foster bipartisanship in the committee, wants to give the people writing the ability to hear good legislation on the floor
2. Wrote the most pieces of legislation of any Senator, gives him a very well rounded technical eye, serves in the City of Gainesville and has lots of experience with the Parks and Rec department in the city, has argued many cases to the Supreme Court and is able to understand even obscure law
3. Transparency and infrastructure, wants the committee to be very open and have every person who comes in there to have a fair shot at getting legislation through, people should be educated on how to write legislation and wants to bring back the legislation workshop, should not be an intimidating process, wants to redesign the committee so that everyone is welcome, wants to take another look at the reapportionment, wants to expand the definition of the criteria so that the legislation is in compliance and is not debated in committee as heavily, Senators should be able to trust the committee to uphold their integrity
4. Technical questions, check recording
5. Asks what the priority of the committee is when looking for a chair, Ponce says that she likes the transparency and infrastructure insight

Samantha Kinggard - Judiciary Committee Seat (call-in)

1. Has been in Senate since January and wants to play a more active role in Senate, cares about UF and wants to find new ways to innovate and improve the community, a lot of fellow Senators also want to help improve UF and she wants to channel that sentiment
2. Assistant Director in Executive Branch and works to create connections between students and student organizations, she has developed her organizational skills, is able to communicate with her cabinet to assist her putting on events, for example with TEDx
3. Even though Senate cannot play a direct role in parking, wants to foster the connection between Senate and UFPD through the liaison, now that she finally understands what Judiciary committee does, she wants to see more transparency from the committee, she wants to know what happens to all the legislation that doesn't make it to the floor, wants to explain why legislation doesn't make it to the floor, wants to host a workshop to teach Senators how to write legislation so that Senators can play an active role in Senate
4. Technical questions, check recording
5. No questions

Matthew Reich - Judiciary Committee Seat

1. President of IRHA for dorm, SG, loves the legislative process, very humbling experience, biggest regret is not being involved in the actions taken on certain pieces
2. Is a Senator, President of IRHA dorm council, would help refine legislation
3. Unfortunate controversy in Judiciary stemming from a lack of knowledge of what the committee does and lack of transparency, wants to tell Senators why their legislation does not reach the floor
4. Technical questions, check recording
5. No questions

Joaquin Marcelino - Judiciary Committee Seat (call-in)

1. We can apply the committee more than it has been in the past, especially in the DEI crisis that we are in right now
2. President of SG in high school and helped advise on policy at the county school board during a referendum, has written lots of legislation as a Senator, has a wide range of knowledge about the codes
3. The committee can be more transparent and can actually talk about legislation, should function to amend the legislation, the overall process should be more inclusive, including people not just in SG involved so that constituents understand how they will be affected by the legislation
4. Technical questions, check recording
5. Asks what the committee thinks is important to see from the Judiciary committee, Santiago Perez explains that that is completely dependent on what Senators and their constituents believe is the most important issues to them
6. Asks how the committee feels about collaborating with other organizations outside SG, Roberts says that he loves the idea, wants to bring more organizations from outside SG to be involved

Joaquin Marcelino - Rules and Ethics Committee Seat (call-in)

1. Wants to see Rules and Ethics use their powers to work with the other committees so we can optimize how we pass codes and budget items, making the way we function as a body more productive
2. Has a background in philosophy ethics, was a member of Surge interest group to gauge the readiness of a chapter at UF, has a background with compelling members to complete requirements for membership
3. Wants to use the subpoena power of Rules and Ethics to ensure that all decisions are made with all the information available and that the student body is given the best decision possible
4. Technical questions, check recording
5. Asks if anyone on the committee has served on Rules and Ethics, but none of the members of the committee have served on Rules and Ethics

Lilliana Clark - Chair of the Rules and Ethics Committee

1. Keeps getting involved because she believes that Senate really has the ability to positively affect the student body, wants to ensure that Senate is engaged and that Senators are held accountable
2. Has served on Rules and Ethics since last May and has been chair since this past Fall, wants to make more changes, is very comfortable with the general administrative work, wants to work with Information and Communications to improve the function of Rules and Ethics
3. Wants to change the attendance period, has a plan to divide up the attendance period halfway down the semester, wants to do change the requirements of constituency to keep Senators engaged, feels as though constituency is not valued, wants to bolster orientation and retreat, wants to go much more in-depth with the voter records and educate new Senators much more
4. Technical questions, check recording
5. No questions

Asif Islam - Rules and Ethics Committee Seat

1. Rules and Ethics is responsible for holding Senators accountable, wants to make sure that we hold Senators in line, it is our responsibility to ensure that Senators are regularly interacting with their constituents
2. Spent 4 years in robotics, very used to compelling members to fulfill their membership requirements, served as Director of Operations for a national non-profit, very used to coordinating members, hundreds at a time, to ensure that everyone works together smoothly
3. Wants to make sure that our Senators are in touch with the student body, wants to keep a master calendar of all org meetings and constituency opportunities so that our Senators are constantly in contact with students from all around campus
4. Technical questions, check recording
5. No questions

Emma Antonik - Rules and Ethics Committee Seat

1. College of Nursing, professional schools are underrepresented, strongly values accountability, wants to enforce that
2. Serves as philanthropy chair and recruitment chair in her sorority, serves as a director in the Big Event, and also on e-board for Homecoming
3. Wants to send out a newsletter with constituency opportunities, wants to keep a consistent day and time for Rules and Ethics meetings
4. Technical questions, check recording
5. No questions

Simone Liang - Rules and Ethics Committee Seat

1. Wants to take a higher leadership in Senate, wants to tone down the hyperpartisanship that has been presented in the chamber, wants to make sure censures and expulsion charges are for productive reasons and not political gain or personal issues
2. Director of Special Projects for the BGC, wants to bring in her experience as mitigating conflict into this role, has completed lots of coursework regarding ethics
3. Wants to make a constituency calendar, collaborate with Information and Communications on this, wants to make sure that no Senator gets expelled due to absences, wants to give a workshop on voter records and how to fill them out to avoid half absences
4. Technical questions, check recording
5. No questions

Senate President Santiago Perez moves to a 30-minute recess at 1:42 p.m. by unanimous consent. The motion is objected.

Majority Party Leader Rafanan moves to a 45-minute recess at 1:43 p.m. by unanimous consent with no objection.

Senate President Pro-Tempore McGinnis calls the meeting back to order at 2:35 p.m.

Members in attendance:

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Ronin Lupien - Journalist

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Senate President Pro-Tempore McGinnis lays the expectations for the meeting, asks that everyone remains as unbiased as possible.

Member-at-Large Ponce moves to open the floor for deliberations for the open District A Permanent Senate Seats by unanimous consent with no objections.

Member-at-Large Ponce moves to a 3-minute recess at 3:37 p.m. by unanimous consent with no objections.

Senate President Pro-Tempore McGinnis calls the meeting back to order at 3:45 p.m.

Members in attendance:

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Isabel Ponce - Member-at-Large 2
Wilson Roberts - Deputy Minority Party Leader
Nathan McGinnis - Senate President Pro-Tempore
Oscar Santiago Perez - Senate President
Navya Nair - Deputy Majority Party Leader
Matthew Spata - Clerk

Guests in attendance:

Ronin Lupien - Journalist

Quorum is established with 6 members present.

Member-at-Large Liu moves to close the floor for deliberations by unanimous consent.

Member-at-Large Ponce moves to nominate Dawson Geller by unanimous consent with no objections.

Senate President Santiago Perez moves to nominate Isabella Scramoncin by roll call vote.

Liu - no
Ponce - no
Roberts - no
Nair - yes
Santiago Perez - yes
McGinnis - yes
The motion fails.

Member-at-Large Ponce moves to nominate Maya Idiculla by roll call vote.

Liu - yes
Ponce - yes

Roberts - yes
Nair - no
Santiago Perez - no
McGinnis - no
The motion fails.

Member-at-Large Ponce moves to table the 2nd open District A Permanent Seat by unanimous consent. Senate President Santiago Perez objects.

Member-at-Large Ponce moves to open the floor for nominations for the open permanent District C Senate Seat by unanimous consent with no objections.

Deputy Majority Party Leader Nair nominates Jinelle Velazquez by roll call vote.
Liu - no
Ponce - no
Roberts - no
Nair - yes
Santiago Perez - yes
McGinnis - abstention
The motion fails.

Senate President Santiago Perez nominates Brian Ramirez by roll call vote.
Liu - no
Ponce - no
Roberts - no
Nair - yes
Santiago Perez - yes
McGinnis - abstention
The motion fails.

Senate President Santiago Perez moves to table the open permanent District C Senate Seat by unanimous consent with no objections.

Member-at-Large Ponce moves to open the floor for the open permanent District D Senate Seat by unanimous consent with no objections.

Member-at-Large Liu nominates Allan Kurian by roll call vote.
Liu - yes
Ponce - yes
Roberts - yes
Nair - no
Santiago Perez - no
McGinnis - abstention
The motion passes.

Member-at-Large Liu moves to take a 5-minute recess at 4:05 p.m. by unanimous consent with no objections.

Senate President Pro-Tempore McGinnis call the meeting back to order at 4:11 p.m.

Members in attendance:

Johnny Liu - Member-at-Large 1
Isabel Ponce - Member-at-Large 2
Wilson Roberts - Deputy Minority Party Leader
Nathan McGinnis - Senate President Pro-Tempore
Oscar Santiago Perez - Senate President
Evan Rafanan - Majority Party Leader
Matthew Spata - Clerk

Guests in attendance:

Ronin Lupien - Journalist
Gabriela Montes - Gallery Member

Quorum is established with 6 members present.

Member-at-Large Ponce moves to open the floor for nominations for the 2nd open permanent District A Senate Seat by unanimous consent with no objections.

Member-at-Large Ponce moves to table the 2nd open permanent District A Senate Seat by roll call vote.

Liu - yes
Roberts - yes
Ponce - yes
Rafanan - yes
Santiago Perez - yes
McGinnis - abstained
The motion passes.

Member-at-Large Ponce moves to close the floor for the 2nd open permanent District A Senate Seat by unanimous consent with no objections.

Member-at-Large Ponce moves to open the floor for nominations for Chair of the Budget and Appropriations committee by unanimous consent with no objections.

Majority Party Leader Rafanan moves to nominate Blake Cox for Chair of the Budget and Appropriations committee by unanimous consent with no objections.

Majority Party Leader Rafanan moves to close the floor nominations for Chair of the Budget and Appropriations committee by unanimous consent with no objections.

Majority Party Leader Rafanan moves to open the floor for deliberations for the open Budget and Appropriations committee seat by unanimous consent with no objections.

Majority Party Leader Rafanan nominates Raj Mia by unanimous consent, objected.

Majority Party Leader Rafanan nominates Raj Mia.

The committee enters pro/con debate.

Rafanan speaks in pro.

Liu speaks in con.

Rafanan in pro

Liu speaks in con.

Liu - no

Ponce - no

Roberts - no

Rafanan - yes

Santiago Perez - yes

McGinnis - yes

The motion fails.

Member-at-Large Ponce nominates Laurie Wang.

The committee enters pro/con debate.

Liu speaks in pro.

Rafanan speaks in con.

Roberts speaks in pro.

Liu - yes

Ponce -yes

Roberts - yes

Rafanan - no

Santiago Perez - no

McGinnis - no

The motion fails.

Member-at-Large Ponce moves to table the open Budget and Appropriations committee seat by unanimous consent with no objections.

Member-at-Large Ponce moves to close the floor for nominations for the open Budget and Appropriations committee seat by unanimous consent with no objections.

Member-at-Large Ponce moves to open the floor for deliberations for Chair of the Information and Communications committee by unanimous consent with no objections.

Member-at-Large Ponce moves to close the floor for deliberations for Chair of the Information and Communications committee by unanimous consent with no objections.

Member-at-Large Ponce moves to open the floor for nominations for Chair of the Information and Communications committee by unanimous consent with no objections.

Deputy Minority Party Leader Roberts moves to nominate Ethan Ghozali for Chair of the Information and Communications committee by unanimous consent with no objections.

Member-at-Large Ponce moves to close the floor for nominations for Chair of the Information and Communications committee by unanimous consent with no objections.

Member-at-Large Ponce moves to open the floor for deliberations for the open Information and Communications seats by unanimous consent with no objections.

Member-at-Large Ponce moves to close the floor for deliberations and open the floor for nominations for the open Information and Communications seats by unanimous consent with no objections.

Member-at-Large Liu nominates Zoe Richter for an open Information and Communications seat by unanimous consent with no objections.

Member-at-Large Ponce nominates Isabel Penin for an open Information and Communications seat by unanimous consent with no objections.

Deputy Minority Party Leader Roberts nominates Monish Vijayaraghavan for an open Information and Communications seat by unanimous consent with no objections.

Member-at-Large Liu nominates Annabelle Vigna for an open Information and Communications seat by unanimous consent with no objections.

Member-at-Large Ponce nominates Chalisa Budhai for an open Information and Communications seat by unanimous consent with no objections.

The floor is now closed.

Senate President Santiago Perez moves to open deliberations for Chair of the Judiciary Committee by unanimous consent with no objections.

Member-at-Large Ponce moves to close the floor for deliberations and open the floor for nominations for Chair of the Judiciary Committee by unanimous consent with no objections.

Deputy Minority Party Leader Roberts nominates Jonathan Stephens for Chair of the Judiciary Committee by unanimous consent with no objections.

The floor is now closed.

Member-at-Large Ponce opens the floor for deliberations for the open seats on the Judiciary Committee by unanimous consent with no objections.

Member-at-Large Ponce moves to close the floor for deliberations and open the floor for nomination for the open seats on the Judiciary Committee by unanimous consent with no objections.

Senate President Santiago Perez nominates Joaquin Marcelino by roll call vote.

Liu - yes

Ponce - yes

Roberts - yes

Rafanan - yes

Santiago Perez - yes

McGinnis - abstention

The motion passes.

Member-at-Large Ponce nominates Matthew Reich by unanimous consent with no objections.

The floor is now closed.

Member-at-Large Ponce opens deliberations for Chair of the Rules and Ethics committee by unanimous consent with no objections.

Member-at-Large Ponce moved to close the floor for deliberations and open the floor for nominations by unanimous consent with no objections.

Member-at-Large Liu nominates Lilliana Clark for Chair of the Rules and Ethics Committee by unanimous consent with no objections.

The floor is now closed.

Member-at-Large Ponce open the floor for deliberations for the open Rules and Ethics Committee seats by unanimous consent with no objections.

Member-at-Large Liu moves to close the floor for deliberations and opens the floor for nomination for the open Rules and Ethics Committee seats by unanimous consent with no objections.

Member-at-Large Liu nominates Emma Antonik by unanimous consent with no objections.

Member-at-Large Ponce moves to table the 2nd open Rules and Ethics Committee seat by unanimous consent, Majority Party Leader Rafanan objects.

Majority Party Leader Rafanan nominates Joaquin Marcelino by roll call vote.

Liu - no

Roberts - no

Ponce - no

Rafanan - yes

Santiago Perez - yes

McGinnis - abstention

The motion fails.

Majority Party Leader Rafanan nominates Zoe Richter by roll call vote.

Liu - no

Roberts - no

Ponce - no

Rafanan - yes

Santiago Perez - abstention

McGinnis - abstention

The motion fails.

Member-at-Large Ponce moves to table the 2nd open Rules and Ethics Committee seat by unanimous consent with no objections.

Member-at-Large Ponce moves to close the floor for nominations by unanimous consent with no objections.

Sanitago Perez moves to set the time, date, and location for Senate to be Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. in the Senate Chamber by unanimous consent with no objections.

Senate President Santiago Perez moves to add the executive nominations for agency heads and secretaries to the agenda by unanimous consent with no objections.

Senate President Santiago Perez moves to add the assistant treasurer nominations to the agenda by unanimous consent with no objections.

Senate President Santiago Perez moves to add the failed and approved absences to the agenda by unanimous consent with no objections.

Senate President Santiago Perez moves to add a special rule to hear all failed and approved absences as a bloc by unanimous consent with no objections.

Member-at-Large Liu moves to add III(1)(c)(b) to the agenda by unanimous consent with no objections.

Member-at-Large Liu moves to add special rule to hear all Replacement and Agenda recommendations, executive nominates, and assistant treasurers as a bloc by unanimous consent, Majority Party Leader Rafanan objects.

Senate President Santiago Perez moves to add the summer replacement seats to the agenda by unanimous consent with no objections.

Senate President Santiago Perez moves to hear the summer replacement seats as a bloc by unanimous consent with no objections.

Member-at-Large Ponce moves to add special rule to hear all Replacement and Agenda recommendations, executive nominates, and assistant treasurer nominations as a bloc by roll call vote.

Liu - yes

Roberts - yes

Ponce - yes

Rafanan - no

Santiago Perez - no

McGinnis - abstention

The motion fails.

Senate President Santiago Perez moves to add a special rule to hear all Replacement and Agenda recommendations for committee chairs as a bloc by unanimous consent with no objections.

Member-at-Large Liu moves to add a special rule to hear all Replacement and Agenda recommendations for committee seats as a bloc by unanimous consent, Majority Party Leader Rafanan objects.

Senate President Santiago Perez moves to hear all the assistant treasurers as a bloc by unanimous consent with no objections.

Member-at-Large Liu moves to add a special rule to hear all executive nominations and agency heads as a bloc by unanimous consent, Majority Party Leader Rafanan objects.

Member-at-Large Liu moves to add a special rule to hear all secretary nominations as a bloc by unanimous consent with no objections.

Member-at-Large Liu moves to hear all agency heads as a bloc by unanimous consent, Majority Party Leader Rafanan objects.

Senate President Pro-Tempore McGinnis adjourns the meeting at 5:21 p.m.